

DDC NOTES – JANUARY 2022

DD COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS – Caryn Johnson, Aberdeen, Julie Nelson, Rapid City, Jessie Kuechenmeister, Brookings, Marlys Feist, St. Onge, and Tina Two Crow – Slow Bear, Kyle. We said farewell to Kathie Erdman Becker, Reed Haug, Chuck Henrie, Jennifer Olson, Connie Schmitz, Mary Kay Budmayr and Tim Reinbold.

THE ARC OF THE US - <https://thearc.org/>

New Videos on Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts - Everyone must plan for how they will pay for the things they want and need in life. It's especially important for people with disabilities to make a plan so that they can protect their public benefits. To help you learn more about two important tools to save money, The Arc's [Center for Future Planning](#) is creating a series of free videos.

<https://futureplanning.thearc.org/>

Virtual Program Library for People with Disabilities - Looking for online activities that someone with disabilities in your life can use to keep busy as the weather cools down? The ARC of the US is excited to share its [new Virtual Program Library](#), a free hub full of on-demand activities that can be done from home by people with disabilities, their families, and service providers. Topics include arts, community and life skills, health and wellness, virtual clubs, and more. <https://programlibrary.thearc.org/>

NATIONAL HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

The federal government's new [Housing and Services Resource Center](#) will use a coordinated approach to providing resources, program guidance, training, and technical assistance. The Housing and Services Resource Center also helps build state and local partnerships between housing providers and service systems. It brings together -- for the first time -- a wide variety of federal resources and guidance on both housing and services that support community living. Through the Housing and Services Resource Center, HHS and HUD will offer webinars, develop and share new technical assistance resources, support peer-to-peer learning, and launch a learning collaborative.

<https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices>

ACCESSIBILITY & DIGITAL SECURITY - <https://www.security.org/digital-safety/accessibility-guide/>

A Guide to cybersecurity for people with vision loss, hearing loss or a disability created by Kelly Short. The digital world is far from 100% accessible, even with tools such as screen readers and keyboard-only navigation. Someone who has to give up privacy or rely on another person's help is at higher risk of exploitation and theft. Digital security issues are poised to affect even more people as the ranks of seniors 65 and older swell. Many seniors have a disability like some of their younger counterparts do. Digital security is an issue for everyone, but this guide focuses on protecting yourself from cybercrime and identity theft if you are hard of hearing, have vision loss, or experience trouble getting around.

TRAFFICKING CAMPAIGN INFORMATION FROM THE ALABAMA DD COUNCIL

As a result of pervasive stigma and stereotypes surrounding individuals with intellectual disabilities, traffickers' prey on these individuals as targets in this crime for sex trafficking or labor trafficking. Some risk factors that traffickers try to exploit may include lack of or gaps in education, societal isolation, and inadequate access to services and support. Traffickers may also seek out victims with disabilities to gain access to their public benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits. The Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities, in partnership with

Fowler Davis, LLC, created a public awareness campaign that includes a General Awareness video and five animated videos to help educate this population. The campaign includes a dedicated trafficking website, fact sheets in English & Spanish, social media campaign, and digital ad campaign across all Alabama newspapers. Closed-captioned and Spanish videos will be added soon. <http://acdd.org/trafficking/>

This information can be used by parents, caregivers, service providers, educators, healthcare professionals, business owners, community leaders, and others to learn the signs and how to report any suspicious activity.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Due to continued concerns with COVID-19 – Please check for any changes to schedules.

Jan 19	Zoom, Division of Developmental Disabilities Stakeholder Collective - https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/default.aspx
Jan 20	Pierre, Children's Day at the Capitol - https://www.earlylearnersd.org/
Feb 2	Zoom, Supporting Families Community of Practice State Team (open to anyone interested in this work and Charting the LifeCourse Framework) https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/lifespan.aspx
Feb 11	Zoom, DD Council Quarterly Meeting - https://dhs.sd.gov/cdd.aspx
Feb 23	Pierre, Disability Day at the Capitol - Contact Arlene.poncelet@state.sd.us
Mar 15-16	Sioux Falls, State Special Education Conference https://centerfordisabilitiessouthdakota.wordpress.com/
Apr 7-9	Rapid City, South Dakota Early Childhood Education Conference https://www.sdaeys.org/conferences
Apr 22	Sioux Falls, DD Council Quarterly Meeting - https://dhs.sd.gov/cdd.aspx
May 6-7	Huron, Family Childcare Providers Conference - https://fccpsd.org/
May 7	Sioux Falls, The Style Show by Rare by Design - https://www.rarebydesign.org/events
June 1	Zoom, Supporting Families Community of Practice State Team (open to anyone interested in this work and Charting the LifeCourse Framework) https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/lifespan.aspx
June 9-10	Sioux Falls, Lighting the Way Autism Conference https://www.augie.edu/academics/continuing-education-and-workshops/2022-lighting-way-autism-conference

Additional trainings and free webinars can be found at South Dakota Parent Connections' website - <http://www.sdparent.org/web/index.php?siteid=2825>

****PLEASE NOTE** FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for People with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families** –The Council has set-aside funding for *BOTH in-state and OUT-OF-STATE* travel assistance for the upcoming fiscal year. Limited funds are available. Guidelines and application forms can be requested from the Council Office or found at the Council's web site.

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